

will apply to all cases, therefore I suggest that you discuss any problem of this type with your fertilizer dealer. If it is quite serious a soil analysis will probably help formulate a solution.

Bud drop is undoubtedly caused by one or more of the following conditions:

- Insect or nematode attack.
- Deficiency of one or more plant food elements.
- Poor drainage or excessive drought.
- Shock of transplanting.

Insecticides are a big subject and I avoid them as much as possible. However any infestation of turtle back or snow scale cannot be allowed to go without treatment. I feel that your own fertilizer dealer can do more for you than anyone else. My experience has been that healthy, well cared for plants are not very often affected by these problems.

In closing, just a suggestion or two to be used when setting a plant in the ground or transplanting it to a larger container. This is the best opportunity you will have to provide good plant food that will help your plant over a period of weeks that should result in strong healthy plants. My mixture to be used in the hole or container is made up of one third composted cow manure, one third sheep manure and one third peat moss. I have used this formula for years with good results.

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